

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

1. (currently amended) A method for producing a disposable wearing article, comprising the steps of:

producing an elastic strip material by sandwiching an elastic member between two webs under a stretched state in the longitudinal direction of the webs;

halving the elastic strip material in the widthwise direction so that protrusions and recesses alternately appear;

separating a first elastic strip material and a second elastic strip material obtained by halving in the widthwise direction;

~~shifting the phases of the first and second elastic strip materials in the longitudinal direction so that the protrusions and the recesses become in phase;~~

reducing the shrinking force of the elastic member near ~~the protrusions~~ predetermined parts of the first and second elastic strip materials; and

attaching an absorber onto the predetermined parts of the first and second elastic strip materials where the shrinking force is reduced.

2. (currently amended) A method ~~for producing a disposable wearing article,~~ according to claim 1, further comprising the ~~a~~ steps of: shifting the phases of the first and second elastic strip materials in the longitudinal direction thereof so that the protrusions and the recesses become in phase, after the step of separating, wherein the predetermined parts are protrusions of the first and second elastic strip materials

~~producing an elastic strip material by sandwiching an elastic member between two webs under a stretched state in the longitudinal direction of the webs;~~

~~_____ halving the elastic strip material in the widthwise direction so that protrusions and recesses alternately appear;~~

~~_____ separating a first elastic strip material and a second elastic strip material obtained by halving in the widthwise direction;~~

~~_____ reducing the shrinking force of the elastic member near the protrusions of the first elastic strip material and the recesses of the second elastic strip material; and~~

~~_____ attaching an absorber onto parts of the first and second elastic strip materials where the shrinking force is reduced.~~

3. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1 ~~or~~ 2, wherein the elastic member is an elastic member for body fitting, the method further comprising a step of adhering an elastic member for waist to the elastic strip material under a stretched state.

4. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1 ~~or~~ 2, wherein the elastic member include an elastic member for body fitting and an elastic member for around legs, the method further comprising a step of adhering an elastic member for waist to the elastic strip material under a stretched state.

5. (currently amended) A method according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1 ~~to~~ 4, further comprising a step of folding the absorber to place the first and second elastic strip materials one over the other and sealing the opposite side portions of the first and second elastic strip materials.

6. (currently amended) A method according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1 ~~to~~ 5, wherein standing flaps are provided at the opposite sides of the absorber.

7. (currently amended) A method according to claim ~~5~~6, wherein the standing flaps are so twisted as to be turned inward at the front side of the absorber and to be turned outward at the back side of the absorber.

8. (currently amended) A method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~, wherein hollows are formed at the opposite sides of the absorber, and an elastic member for legs is adhered along the hollows under a stretched state.

9. (new) A method according to claim 2, wherein the elastic member is an elastic member for body fitting, the method further comprising a step of adhering an elastic member for waist to the elastic strip material under a stretched state.

10. (new) A method according to claim 2, wherein the elastic member include an elastic member for body fitting and an elastic member for around legs, the method further comprising a step of adhering an elastic member for waist to the elastic strip material under a stretched state.

11. (new) A method according to claim 2, further comprising a step of folding the absorber to place the first and second elastic strip materials one over the other and sealing the opposite side portions of the first and second elastic strip materials.

12. (new) A method according to claim 2, wherein standing flaps are provided at the opposite sides of the absorber.

13. (new) A method according to claim 2, wherein hollows are formed at the opposite sides of the absorber, and an elastic member for legs is adhered along the hollows under a stretched state.

14. (new) A method according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined parts includes protrusions of the first elastic strip material and recesses of the second elastic strip material.

15. (new) A method according to claim 14, wherein the elastic member is an elastic member for body fitting, the method further comprising a step of adhering an elastic member for waist to the elastic strip material under a stretched state.

16. (new) A method according to claim 14, wherein the elastic member include an elastic member for body fitting and an elastic member for around legs, the method further comprising a step of adhering an elastic member for waist to the elastic strip material under a stretched state.

17. (new) A method according to claim 14, further comprising a step of folding the absorber to place the first and second elastic strip materials one over the other and sealing the opposite side portions of the first and second elastic strip materials.

18. (new) A method according to claim 14, wherein standing flaps are provided at the opposite sides of the absorber.

19. (new) A method according to claim 14, wherein hollows are formed at the opposite sides of the absorber, and an elastic member for legs is adhered along the hollows under a stretched state.